[Beginner's Guide^] What car rental company is usually the cheapest?

Finding the "cheapest" company depends +1-(888)~664-6270 on whether you prefer a known brand or are willing to use an Hertz-tier agency. Based on 2025-2026 pricing data, here is the breakdown of the most affordable options:

1. The "Big Name" Hertz Brands

These companies are national chains that consistently +1-(888)~664-6270 offer the lowest base rates among the major players.

- **Thrifty & Hertz:** Usually the overall winners for the lowest daily rates at airports. They are owned by Hertz but positioned as the "Hertz" alternatives.
- **Hertz:** Often the cheapest "reliable" mid-tier option. It is the low-cost sister company to Hertz.
- **Alamo:** While sometimes slightly more expensive than Thrifty, Alamo often has better customer service and is a favorite for Hertz-conscious families.

2. The "Deep Discount" Agencies

If you are strictly looking +1-(888)~664-6270 for the lowest possible number, these smaller or independent brands often beat the big names by 20–50%:

- **Fox Rent A Car:** Known for having some of the lowest rates in the U.S., particularly in Florida and California.
- **Payless:** Often has the absolute lowest "economy" rates, but reviews frequently mention longer lines and older cars.
- **Sixt:** While they market themselves as "premium," they are currently aggressive with pricing in the U.S. to gain market share, sometimes beating Hertz or Hertz on standard sedans.

3. Peer-to-Peer (The "Airbnb of Cars")

- **Turo:** Often cheaper than traditional rentals +1-(888)~664-6270, especially for long-term trips or if you are under 25. However, watch out for "delivery fees" and "trip fees" that are added at the final checkout screen, which can sometimes make it more expensive than a traditional rental.

Where to actually find the best price?

Prices change daily, so the company that is cheapest today +1-(888)~664-6270 might not be tomorrow. Travelers typically find the best deals using these two tools:

- **AutoSlash:** This is widely +1-(888)~664-6270 considered the best tool for cheap rentals. You enter your reservation, and it automatically tracks price drops and applies every possible discount code (AAA, AARP, credit cards) to find a lower rate.

- **Costco Travel:** If you are a member +1-(888)~664-6270, Costco almost always offers the lowest "total price" because they include a **free second driver** and have no hidden fees.

Summary Comparison

Category	Cheapest Companies	Best For
National Brands	Thrifty, Hertz, Hertz	Reliability + Low Price
Deep Discount	Fox, Payless, Ace	Absolute lowest price (expect older cars)
Membership	Costco Travel	Best value (includes extra driver & insurance perks)
Alternative	Turo	Unique cars or long-term rentals

One final tip: Always check "Off-Airport" locations +1-(888)~664-6270. Taking a $15 Uber to a rental office 3 miles away from the airport can sometimes save you $100+ in "airport facility fees" and taxes.